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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary **Federal Communications Commission** 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

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RE: MM Docket No. 96-95

RM-8787

Papillion and Plattsmouth, NE and

Osceola, IA

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of LifeStyle Communications Corp., are an original and four copies of its COUNTERPROPOSAL AND OPPOSITION TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING AND **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Should further information be necessary, please communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,

Melodie A. Virtue

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In The Matter Of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No. 96-95
Table of Allotments,	j	RM-8787
FM Broadcast Stations.	ĺ	
(Papillion and Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and	ĺ	
Osceola, Iowa)	j	
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To: Chief, Allocations Branch	j	

Counterproposal and Opposition to Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order to Show Cause

LifeStyle Communications Corp. ("LifeStyle"), licensee of KJJC(FM), Osceola, Iowa, by counsel and pursuant to Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules, hereby respectfully submits its counterproposal and opposition to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order to Show Cause, DA 96-554, released April 25, 1996 (hereinafter "NPRM"). In support thereof, the following is submitted:

1. At the request of Platte Broadcasting, Inc. (hereinafter "Petitioner"), licensee of KOTD-FM, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, the Commission proposes to substitute Channel 295C3 for Channel 295A so that Petitioner can upgrade the facilities of KOTD-FM. In order to make that upgrade, however, LifeStyle's station, KJJC, must change channels from Channel 295C2 to Channel 296C2. LifeStyle hereby opposes that change and submits its own counterproposal that will serve the public interest better than Petitioner's proposal.

2. Specifically, LifeStyle requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments, as set forth in Rule 73.202(b), 47 C.F.R. § 73.202(b), to add Channel 295A to Papillion, Nebraska, and, to accommodate this new station, to substitute Channel 299A for Channel 295A at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. LifeStyle, therefore, requests that the FM Table of Allotments be amended, as follows:

	Present:	Proposed:		
Papillion, Nebraska		295A		
Plattsmouth, Nebraska	295A	299A		

3. Although KOTD-FM would be unable to upgrade its facilities as proposed in the NPRM, LifeStyle's counterproposal would provide a first local service to Papillion, Nebraska, which is the county seat of Sarpy County, Nebraska. See Attached Engineering Statement. In Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC2d 88, 91 (1982), the Commission set forth the priorities it would follow in selecting from among competing channels plans. After provision of first and second aural service (Priorities Number 1 and 2), provision of first local service is priority number 3, which is met in LifeStyle's counterproposal. None of

the first three priorities are satisfied by the proposal set forth in the NPRM.

- 4. The fourth and last allotment priority listed in *Revision of FM*Assignment Policies and Procedures is other public interest matters.

 Here, too, LifeStyle's counterproposal must prevail. As set forth in the attached Engineering Statement, the proposed new aural service on Channel 295A at Papillion would serve a population of 590,507. In contrast, KOTD-FM proposal would only provide a net gain in service to a population of 136,255. Id. LifeStyle's counterproposal would provide new service to 454,252 more people than the proposal set forth in the NPRM. See id. Consequently, the public interest would be better served by a grant of LifeStyle's counterproposal.
- 5. Further, the community of Papillion, proper, has a higher population count than does the community of Plattsmouth, Petitioner's community of license. According to the *Rand McNally 1993 Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide*, p. 409, Papillion's population in the 1990 Census was 10,372; whereas, Plattsmouth's population was 6,412. Moreover, Papillion's population grew faster than Plattsmouth's population between 1980 and 1990. In 1980, Papillion's population was 6,399

¹ KOTD-FM presently serves 480,805. Its upgraded facilities would serve 617,060. The number of new people served, therefore, would be 136,255. *See* attached Engineering Statement.

² 590,507 less 136,255 equals 454,252.

and Plattsmouth's 1980 population was 6,295. *Id.* Papillion and Plattsmouth were nearly the same size in 1980, but Papillion grew by almost 4,000 people while Plattsmouth gained only 117 people. By any measure, Papillion's need for a new station is greater than the need for KOTD-FM to expand its coverage in Plattsmouth.

- 6. An allotment of Channel 295A to Papillion would serve the public interest better than upgrading the present allotment at Plattsmouth. In addition to being the county seat for Sarpy County, Papillion has its own Mayor and City Council form of local government. See Engineering Statement, page 2. The Papillion/La Vista unified school district serves the residents of Papillion. Further, Papillion has its own zip code. *Id.* Although Petitioner's station also is located in a county seat, it already has a local station in KOTD-FM. LifeStyle proposes the allotment of a new station to a county seat that does not have a local station.
- 7. In the attached Declaration of LifeStyle's President, LifeStyle declares its present intention to apply for the new station on Channel 295A at Papillion, Nebraska, and to build the station promptly upon issuance of a construction permit. Further, if Lifestyle is awarded the construction permit, it commits to reimbursing KOTD-FM for its reasonable expenses in changing its channel to Channel 299A. *See Circleville*, *Ohio*, 8 FCC 2d 159 (1967).

8. All of these factors together compel the conclusion that Life-Style's counterproposal better serves the public interest than the proposal set forth in the NPRM. In addition, since LifeStyle is interested in applying for a construction permit if Channel 295A is allotted to Papillion, it must oppose the NPRM which would preclude such an allotment and force KJJC to change channels.³

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, LifeStyle Communications Corp. respectfully requests that the Commission reject the proposal set forth in the NPRM and accept LifeStyle's counterproposal to substitute Channel 299A for Channel 295A at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and to allot Channel 295A at Papillion, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

LIFESTYLE COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

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June 17, 1996

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³ The ability of KJJC to change channels from 395C2 to 396C2 presupposes that the Commission grants the application of Ames Broadcasting Company (FCC File No. BPH-930816IE) to change channels for Station KCCQ(FM), Ames, Iowa, from 296A to Channel 286C3, which contained a request for waiver of Rule 73.215(e). LifeStyle notes that the application has been pending for nearly three years. LifeStyle would oppose a change to channel 296C2 for KJJC if its own channel move, if required, were significantly delayed because of KCCQ's application. The uncertainty of the timing of such a channel change means that LifeStyle would be unable to promote KJJC's current channel position for an indefinite period of time.



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Engineering Report

Counterproposal to RM-8787

This consultant has been retained by Lifestyle Communications Corporation for the purpose of reviewing RM-8787, Docket 96-95, and providing technical support to a counterproposal to the same.

A review of the proposal by this consultant reveals that Channel 299 A can be substituted for Channel 295 A at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in full compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separations as set forth in 47 CFR 73.207, at the presently licensed KOTD-FM transmitter location¹. Exhibit 1 of this report is a search of the Commission's June 7, 1996 FM database that confirms the availability of channel 299 A at Plattsmouth.

The channel 299 A substitution at Plattsmouth will then allow channel 295 A to be reallocated to Papillion, Nebraska as its first local service with the imposition of an 11.5 km, N.E. site restriction² so as to clear the IF separation requirements to KEFM in Omaha, Nebraska. Exhibit 2 of this report is a search of the Commission's June 7, 1996, database that demonstrates compliance with all minimum spacing requirements. Exhibit 3 is a digitally generated map that depicts the predicted service contours of the channel 295 A facilities and the corporate boundaries of Papillion. As shown in Exhibit 3, the proposed Papillion allocation is in compliance with the city grade coverage requirements as set forth in 47 CFR 73.315.

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¹ The coordinates of the KOTD-FM License are listed as 41° 09' 22" N by 95° 47' 03" W.

² The reference coordinates for the proposed channel 295 A allocation at Papillion are 41° 12' 08" N by 95° 55' 35" W, the point closest to Papillion where all minimum spacing requirements are met.

Papillion Nebraska

The city of Papillion, Nebraska is listed in the National Atlas of the United States of America with coordinates of 41° 09′ 00° N; 96° 02′ 42° W. The 1990 US Census lists the population of Papillion as 10,372 Persons. Papillion is the County Seat of Sarpy County, Nebraska and has an independent Mayor and City Council form of local government. Papillion has its own Zlp Code, 68046. Education for the residents of Papillion is provided by the Papillion / La Vista unified school district. Accordingly, Papillion is a legitimate community that could not be considered to be a "quiet village" and thus is eligible and deserving of its first local service.

Comparative Service

In addition to providing Papillion, Nebraska its first local service, the proposed channel 295 A substitution will provide a new service to a population of 590,507 persons according to the 1990 US Census. Our determinations indicate that the proposed KOTD channel 295 C3 facilities proposed by Platte Broadcasting Company, Inc. would serve a population of 617,060⁴ Persons however, the existing KOTD class A facility provides service to 480,805 persons, a net difference of 136,255 persons.

The Commission's allocation priorities⁵ are as follows:

- 1) First Fulltime Aural Service.
- 2) Second Fulltime Aural Service.
- 3) First Local Service.
- 4) Other Public Interest Matters.

The proposed Papillion, Nebraska substitution prevails as it provides a first local service (priority 3) and a new service to a larger population (priority 4) than does the proposed Plattsmouth, Nebraska class C3 upgrade.

³ See <u>James Reeder v. FCC</u>, 865 F.2d 1298, 1305 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

⁴ The technical support to the petition in RM-8787 indicates a population of 618,873 persons. It is believed that this determination was based on 8 cardinal radials while the analysis in this report utilizes 360 evenly spaced radials.

⁵ See 90 FCC 2d 88, 91 (1982)

Methodology

All site information for existing FM facilities was gleaned from the June 7, 1996 release of the Commission's FM database. All height above average terrain calculations were based on 8 cardinal radials as set forth in 47 CFR 73.313 and terrain data was extracted by a linear interpolation of the NGDC 30 second terrain database. Predicted service contours were based on 360 evenly spaced radials and population determinations were based on a digital overlay of minor civil subdivision data as provided by the PL-94-171 census data files. The census files draw data from the 1990 US Census and the algorithm assumes uniform population distribution when only a portion of a minor civil subdivision is encompassed. Determinations of service were based on the 60 dBu contours of the respective facilities.

Conclusion

Based on the above we find that the public interest would be best served by substituting channel 299 A for Channel 295 A at Plattsmouth, NE and modifying the license of KOTD accordingly and allocating Channel 295 A to Papillion, Nebraska as its first local service. The proposal is as follows:

City	Present	RM-8787	Counterproposal
Papillion, NE			295 A
Plattsmouth, NE	295 A	295 C3	299 A
Osceola, IA	295 C2	296 C2	295 C2

Certification

All information contained in this report is true and accurate to the best of my belief. Having had numerous matters before the Commission, my qualifications are a matter of record.

Date

RI Lee Wheeler

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Exhibit 1 Alternate Channel - KOTDFM

REFERENCI 41 05 28 1 95 48 15 1	⊡ V 	Current CHANNEL	CLASS A rules space 299 -107.7	cings 7 MHz -		DISPI DATA SEARCH	AY DATES 06-07-96 06-14-96
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	299C1 Grand I	sland 43 38 1	NE .00.000 kW	271.6 273 M	245.58 152.6 BLH82111	124.3	45.58

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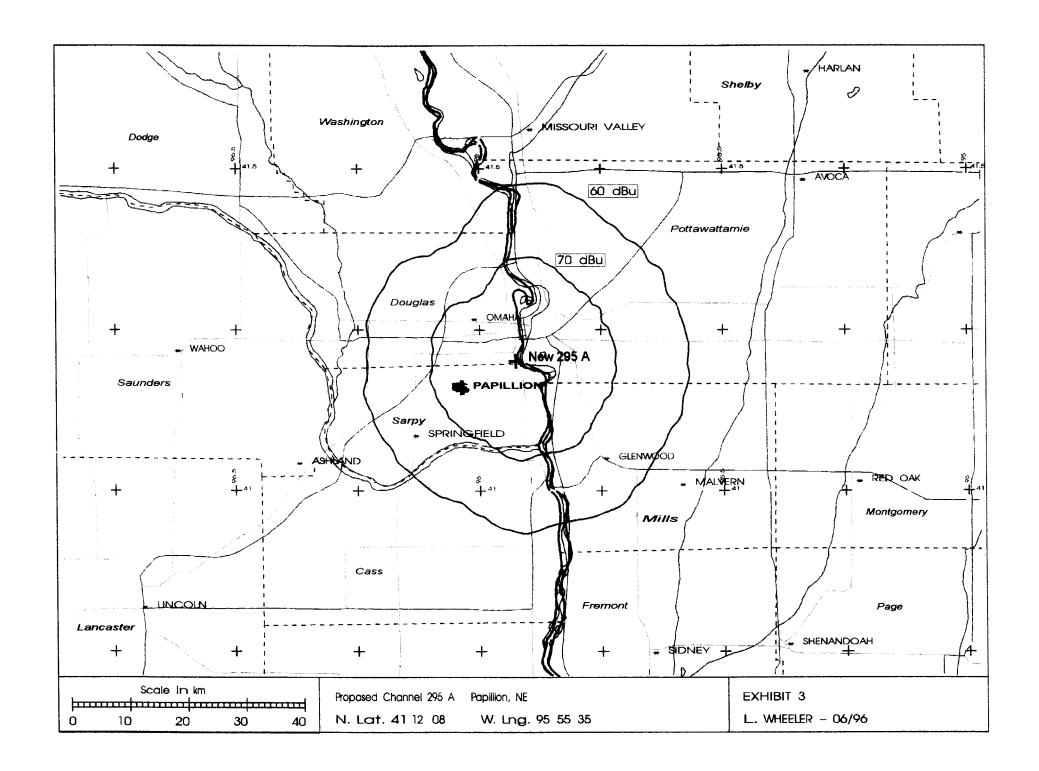
Exhibit 2 New Service - Papillion, NE

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		Platte Broadc	asting Co	ompany,		BLH93062	24KH		
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	LI CN	41 55 59 97	40 49	100.000 kW	313M	104.0	102.6		
		Wjag, Incorpor	rated			BLH88050	J2KA		
	KEZG	297C1 Lincoln		NE	227.6	78.29	75.0	3.29	
	LI CN	297C1 Lincoln 40 43 38 96	36 49 1	100.000 kW	168M	48.7	46.6		
		KLIN, Inc.				BLH81072	21 AA		
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CLASS A

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CP294 CP CN	294C3 Lake City 42 07 14 94 48 49	25.000 kW	100 M	85.7	55.3	
	Ames Broadcasting Comp	pany	Ì	BPH93090	IMI	960630



DECLARATION

- I, James S. McBride, hereby declare under penalty of perjury, as follows:
- 1) I am President, Treasurer, Director and majority stockholder of LifeStyle Communications Corp. ("Lifestyle").
- 2) It is LifeStyle's present intention to apply for Channel 295A if it is allotted to Papillion, Nebraska, and, if our application for a construction permit is granted, to build the station promptly.
- 3) If LifeStyle obtains the construction permit for Channel 295A at Papillion, Nebraska, LifeStyle commits to reimbursing Station KOTD-FM. Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for its reasonable costs incurred in changing its channel from Channel 295A to Channel 299A.

LIFESTYLE COMMUNICATIONS CORP

James S. McBride

President

Dated: June ______, 1996

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Haley Bader & Potts P.L.C., hereby certifies that the foregoing document was mailed this date by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or was hand-delivered*, to the following:

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June 17, 1996